Reply.—The Taluk is under settlement and the question will be considered if a representation is made to the Settlement department.

4. Abolition of ottivilakkam on Kudipulli thanathu properties.

Mr. Narayanan Madhavan Karthavu (Shertallay) said that Kudipulli thanathu lands were entered in the Ayacut as jenmom in the names of the original alienors and as in the past such lands were never subjected to ottivilakkam, he requested that they might be exempted from this process in the present settlement also.

Mr. Narasimha Kammathi of Shertallay (Nominated) spoke in support.

Reply.—Ottivilakkam has been abolished by section 24 of the Settlement Proclamation of 1886 in the case of inam properties. The prayer is for the extension of this concession to Kudipulli thanathu lands. This will be considered in connection with the settlement of the Taluk.

5. Consideration of shortage in the area of wet lands and fallows in reckoning tax.

Mr. Varkey Oothuppu (Ettumanur) said that in assessing wet lands due consideration should be given to any deficiency that might be found in the actual measurement and also to fallows.

Reply.—Appreciable shortage other than that due to differences in the scales of measurement adopted in the past and the present settlement is considered in assessing lands. In regard to fallows, the rule is to calculate the average of the tax levied during the years of cultivation for the past 10 years and to fix it as the present assessment. This rule was framed in connection with the settlement of the Kartikapalli Taluk and has been since followed. No change is called for.

6. Cancelment of Huzur order fixing more than ⅓ assessment on Karanma and Irakaranma lands.

Mr. Varkey Oothuppu (Ettumanur) requested that this question might receive the early consideration of Government.

Reply.—No change in the existing rule is called for.

7. Assessment on Cherikal lands to be fixed only after due consideration of the difficulties attending Cherikal cultivation.

Mr. K. Chidambara Iyer, B. A., L. T., (Changanachery) said that Cherikals are lands lying at the foot of the ghats in Changanachery, Chengannur, Minachil, Muvattupuzha and adjoining

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